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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the final Office Action mailed January 15, 2004 ("Final Office Action"). Claims 1-3, 7-11, 16-30, 40, 41, 46-48, 50, 52 and 68-102 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 7-11, 17, 29, 30, 40, 41, 46-48, 50, 52, 72-78, 80, 93-96, 101 and 102 stand rejected. Claims 24 and 87 stand objected to.

Applicants have previously responded to the Final Office Action in the Amendment After Final submitted March 11, 2004, the contents of which are incorporated herein. As stated by the Applicants' representative, Shawna Cannon Lemon, during a teleconference with Examiner Russel on March 17, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the present Supplemental Amendment After Final in order to add new claims 117-122. Claims 117, 119 and 121 are directed to compositions comprising the mixtures of claims 16, 24 and 87, respectively. Claims 118, 120 and 122 are directed to methods of treating insulin deficiency comprising administering the mixtures of claims 16, 24 and 87, respectively. The Examiner has indicated that claim 16 is allowed. The Examiner has further indicated that claims 24 and 87 are objected to. Applicants have previously amended claims 24 and 87 to place these claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 117-122 are patentable. Additionally, support for these new claims is found in the language of the original claims and currently pending claims, as well as throughout the specification. Consequently, no new matter is added by the addition of these new claims and their entry and allowance are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

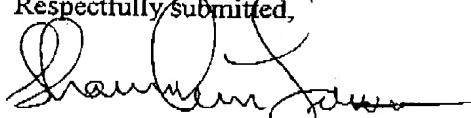
In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, entry of these new claims and allowance of the pending claims to issue. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the prosecution of the pending claims to issue. In any event, any questions that the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required. In the event, however, that additional fees are required,

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